cover an area of 10.7 lakh ha. under drip irrigation and 7.1 lakh ha. under sprinkler irrigation.

Statement

Area coverage under drip irrigation during last five years compared to net Irrigated area

State	Net Cultivated Area ('000 Ha)	Area covered Under Micro Irrigation (Ha)					Total of Area covered	% of area covered under MI during last five years wrt Net irrigated area
		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06		
Andhra Pradesh	10410	5900	7139	21487	24905	51811	111242	1.10
Andman & Nicobar	746	0	7	0	0	0	7	0.001
Assam	7850	0	0	0	116	0	116	0.001
Bihar	5664	0	0	0	392.2	0	392.2	0.01
Chhattishgarh	4800	0	0	0	11.24	6	17.24	0.00035
Goa	141	6	23.5	0	0	16	45.5	0.03
Gujarat	9622	0	1374	0	304	16000	17678	0.18
Haryana	3566	226	175	0	115.5	0	516.5	0.014
Himachal Pradesh	4543	68	77.28	43	0	0	188.28	0.004
Karnataka	10031	0	6366	11093	6408	128.972	3995.97	0.239
Kerala	2191	0	154	0	297	0	451	0.02
Madhya Pradesh	14859	727	884.1	0	288.777	0	1899.87	0.012
Maharashtra	17619	7100	44082	0	36957	23857	111996	0.64
Mizoram	2085	0	50	20	1.63	0	71.63	0.003
Orissa	5845	0	185	0	0	0	185	0.003
Punjab	4250	0	0	0	279	560	839	0.019
Rajasthan	16765	703	444	668	1134	0	2949	0.017
Sikkim	672	0	0	0	0	50	50	0.007
Tamil Nadu	5172	16067	9673.5	0	9988	0	35728.5	0.69
Uttar Pradesh	16812	477	276	184.71	50	0	987.71	0.005
West Bengal	5522	0	0	0	110	0	110	0.001
TOTAL:	149165	31274	70910.38	34495.71	81357.34	92428.97	309466.4	0.21

Loss suffered by DMS

†438. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the loss incurred by the Delhi Milk Scheme in the current year is more than that of the last year;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the total loss incurred by DMS, as on date; and

(c) the action taken by Government to makeover the loss and for making DMS profitable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) The Proforma Accounts for the current year 2006-07 will be prepared after the end of this financial year.

(c) The following steps have been taken for improving the profitability of DMS:

(i) Adopting professional approach in different areas of operation such as marketing, transportation and plant operations for increasing overall efficiency.

(ii) To reduce the expenditure, packing of milk in Central Dairy is being completed in two shifts against three shifts.

(iii) Modernization of the obsolete plant, machinery and equipment is being undertaken to reduce the cost.

(iv) Various efficiency parameters such as average daily sale of milk, milk handled per unit of electricity, percentage of loss of liquid milk and reduction in cash losses, etc. are monitored on a monthly basis.

(v) Union Cabinet has recently given 'in principal' approval for Corporatisation of DMS as a long term measure to make it commercially viable.

Decrease in production of foodgrains

†439. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of foodgrains are continuously decreasing as a result of reduction in the size of arable land, decline in its fertility and lack of appropriate irrigation facilities alongwith lack of research and invention with regard to high yielding seeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years;

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